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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK
LOAD BALANCING WITH A COMPOUND
DATA STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004 (Paper No. 9), finally rejecting claims 1-25, Applicants submit the following amendments, and respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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